

CHRISTMAS

Move the right C hand in a sideways arc to the right with the palm facing forward.

Memory aid: The initialized movement requires context and simultaneous lipreading for full comprehension.

Example: What does Susan want for Christmas?



BEAR

Cross the arms in front of the chest with palms facing self. Make a few downward and inward clawing movements with both hands.

Memory aid: Symbolizes the action of a bear's claws while grasping at something.

Example: Watch out for wild bears.

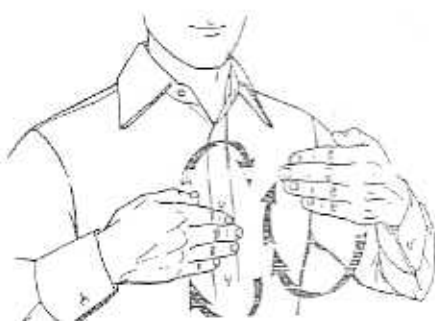


HAPPY, DELIGHT, GLAD, JOY, MERRY

Move both flat hands in forward circular movements with palms touching the chest alternately or simultaneously. One hand is often used by itself.

Memory aid: Suggests happy feelings springing up from within.

Examples: I'm very happy for you. You must be delighted.



COAT, JACKET, OVERCOAT

Move the thumbs of both A hands downward from either side of the base of the neck to the center of the lower chest.

Memory aid: The movement follows the lines of jacket lapels.

Example: You'll need to wear a coat today.



SHOES

Strike the thumb sides of both closed hands together a few times.

Memory aid: Can suggest the clicking of military heels.

Example: These shoes fit perfectly.

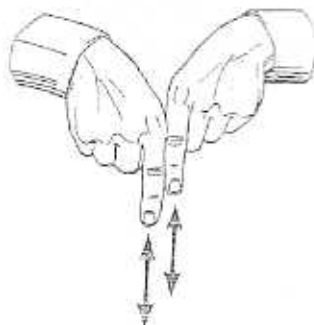


SOCKS, HOSE, STOCKINGS

Point both index fingers down. Rub them up and down against each other alternately.

Memory aid: Suggests the use of needles for hand knitting *socks*.

Example: My *sock* has a hole in it.

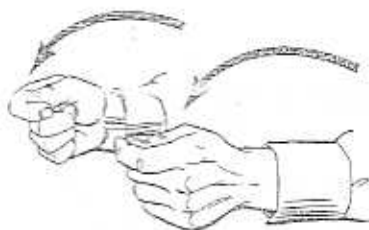


MOUSE

Brush the right index finger to the left across the nose tip a few times.

Memory aid: Suggests the twitching nose of a *mouse*.

Example: I saw a *mouse* run under the cabinet.



GIFT, AWARD, BESTOW, CONFER, CONTRIBUTE, PRESENT, REWARD

With the palms facing each other, place both closed hands to the front with the thumb tips touching the inside of their respective crooked index fingers. Move both hands forward simultaneously in an arc.

Memory aid: A natural gesture of *giving* something to someone.

Examples: Please accept this small *gift*. I'd like to make a *contribution*.

Stories: "*Merry Christmas Big Hungry Bear*" by Don and Audrey Wood

Song: "*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*"

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